

SnowStar Institute Annual Conference



Ecofeminism, the Jewish Jesus, And the future of Religion.

Arden Park Hotel
Stratford, Ontario

April 7 - 10, 2010

Speakers

- **Amy Jill Levine**

Amy-Jill is E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Professor of New Testament Studies at Vanderbilt University Divinity School. A self-described “Yankee Jewish feminist who teaches in a predominantly Protestant divinity school in the buckle of the Bible-Belt,” Levine combines historical-critical rigor, literary-critical sensitivity, and a frequent dash of humor with a commitment to eliminating anti-Semitic, sexist, and homophobic theologies. Her presentations at the conference will be: *Jesus, Women, Gender, and Sexuality* and *Hearing the Parables Through Jewish Ears*.

- **Brandon Scott**

Brandon is Distinguished Professor of New Testament at the Phillips Theological Seminary, University of Tulsa. He is also the author of several books, including *Hear Then the Parable*, one of the most important books on parables in this generation. A charter member of the Jesus Seminar, Brandon will address SnowStar and the future of religion.

- **Chris Kraatz, Jr.**

Chris is Senior Lecturer in Philosophy at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis, specializing in Ecofeminism. He also teaches in the Native American Studies program and is one of the most popular and respected teachers on the IUPUI campus. Lakota by adoption, Chris has followed the “Red Road” for many years. Chris will do a presentation on Native American flutes along with information on how the songs relate to Native American heritage and culture. He will also join with Karen Warren in a conversation around issues of Ecofeminism.

- **Glen McDougal**

Glen is from the Oneida First Nation at the Thames and will do a teaching on their Nation’s Creation Story. This will provide a contrast to the traditional Genesis creation stories, enlightening Karen Warren’s discussions on environmental issues and the care of Mother Earth. Also coming from the Oneida First Nation are dancers/singers who will participate in the closing celebration of the conference.

- **Karen Warren**

Karen Warren is the leading international voice in Ecofeminism and environmental ethics. She recently retired from a highly acclaimed teaching career at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota. A widely traveled scholar, Karen has given keynote speeches and major addresses around the world. Yet, she sees herself as a “street philosopher” who believes philosophy is relevant to people of all ages. Karen will give two major presentations: *Nature is a Feminist Issue: An Introduction to Ecofeminism & Ecofeminist Philosophy*, and *So Why Does Ecofeminism/Ecofeminist Philosophy Matter?*

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**SnowStar 10th Anniversary Conference Agenda
April 7 – 10, 2010**

	Wednesday April 7	Thursday April 8	Friday April 9	Saturday April 10
9:00-10:30		Opening of Conference The Voice of the Traditional Native Flute -Chris Kraatz, Jr.	So Why Does Ecofeminism/Ecofeminist Philosophy Matter? -Karen Warren	Hearing the Parables Through Jewish Ears -Amy-Jill Levine
11:00-12:30		SnowStar: The Next Ten Years Brandon Scott in conversation with the Founders & Members of the SnowStar Institute	In Conversation With Karen Warren & Chris Kraatz, Jr.	A First Nation's Creation Story -Glen McDougall
		Lunch break	Lunch break	Lunch break
2:30-4:00	WELCOME! Registration & Book Room to 5:00 p.m. 3:00 SnowStar Annual General Meeting	Nature is a Feminist Issue: An Introduction to Ecofeminism & Ecofeminist Philosophy -Karen Warren	In Conversation Amy-Jill Levine and Laurie White	Closing of Conference Oneida-on-the-Thames Singers/Dancers Traditional Native Flute -Chris Kraatz, Jr.
	Dinner break	Dinner break	Banquet & Bacchanalia 6:00	"All my relatives" Have a safe trip home!
7:00 Wed 7:30 Thurs	"SnowStar: The Next Ten Years" -Brandon Scott- Followed by President's Reception	"Jesus, Women, Gender, and Sexuality" -Amy-Jill Levine	SnowStar 10th Anniversary Celebration (to 9:00 p.m.)	

See more details and on-line registration at

www.snowstarinstitute.org

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Conference Registration					
Early Full Registration (until Feb.28, 2010)	\$325	\$475	\$400	\$650	\$
Regular Full Registration (after Feb 28)	\$350	\$600	\$450	\$750	\$
Thursday Evening Only (non-full registrants only)	n/a	n/a	\$20	\$40	\$
Friday Only (not including banquet)	\$100	\$150	\$150	\$250	
Saturday Registration (non-full registrants only)	\$100	\$150	\$150	\$250	
Friday evening Banquet (non-full registrants only)	\$50 per person		\$50 per person		\$
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